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FOREWORD

BY

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Pandit Vyasaraya Sastriar has asked me to write a foreword for his topical poem "Mahatma Vijia" and I am glad to have been afforded this opportunity of reading the poem and placing on record my tribute of appreciation of the qualities of his Muse.

I am greatly impressed by the easy elegance

and the flowing felicity of his diction, the grace and beauty of his imagery and the remarkable adaptability of his style. As is well known, Mahatmaji has so expanded, in content and purpose, the ancient concepts of Satya and Ahimsa, truth and non-violence, as to evolve a comprehensive code of human conduct, a new Karma Yoga, designed, in its national aspect, as a potent instrument for achieving Swaraj; and in this

poem Pandit Vyasaraya Sastriar has shown how an ancient language in which mankind lisped its earliest recorded thoughts can be used as a medium for expressing some of the most modern ideas.

The author does not, however, break away from the traditional modes of classical Sanskrit poetry with its familiar concepts and imagery. For instance, it is said (verse 34) that the country will be saved from the evil rule of the British (Dusshasana) by the people plying the spinning wheel even as Draupadi was saved by the wielder of the wheel (Krishna) from Dusshasana

(who attempted to strip her naked). Again, we are told that when the light of world was gone.

the blood-red (raga) sun also sank behind the banks of the Jamuna thereby revealing the affection (raga) of a friend. The play on the double meaning of the words "Chakri" "Dusshasana" and "raga" is in the approved style of the later classical poetry.

The author wields with admirable skill and ease the upajati metre which Kalidasa has used with such excellent effect for poetic narrative and description. As one reads along one comes across characteristic sound effects which often mark Kalidasa's Upajati verses: सगर्वदर्वी करवन्करा-

स्रम् (Verse 80); नोपासरह्योभपरैर्वचोभिर्नापासरत्तर्जनगर्ज-नैर्वा (Verse 55). While adequately summarising

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Gandhiji's philosophy of life, the following verse is even more strongly reminiscent of Kalidasa:—

सत्याग्रहं सत्यपथानुष्ट्यिं सत्यंवचश्चैषनिषेवमाणः । प्रमाणमन्तः करणप्रवृत्तिं विधायकर्माण्यखिळान्यकार्षीत् ॥

An expression made immortal by Kalidasa in a different context is here aptly used to describe the Mahatma's implicit reliance on the "still small voice within".

I have read the poem with interest and pleasure and I heartily commend it to the world of Sanskrit loving Sahridayas alike for its literary merit and for its presentation, in compendious poetic form, of the teachings of one of the greatest personalities of this or of any age.

When the world is darkened by lowering clouds of suspicion, hate, greed and rivalry among men which threaten to burst into a devastating holocaust a full throated तथास्तु readily springs from the heart of every reader to the author's benedictory verse.

महात्मनस्तस्य महोपदेशं सभाजयन्तः सततं स्परन्तः । तद्दर्शितेनैव पथा वजन्तो स्रोकाः समस्ताः सुखिनो भवन्तु ॥

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॥ महात्मविजयः ॥

महात्मगान्धिमहितापदानः क्षितो समन्तात् प्रथिताभिधानः ।

मनोवच:कर्मभिरेकरूपो महात्मनामप्यभवन्महात्मा ।।

लोकं स दृष्टा तमसाभिभृत-

म्रद्वेगमुद्वेलमवाप्य चित्ते । तं भासयन्नज्वलयात्मभासा भास्वानिवाचोतत गोसहस्रै: ।

दीनानदीनै: परिभूयमानान

विलोक्य लोकं स विनेतुकामः । स्वार्थ विद्रे तृणवद्विध्यय परार्थमात्मानमदादयालः ॥

सहस्नैः इति महात्मपक्षे, किरणसहस्नैः इति सूर्यपक्षे ॥

१) महितमपदानं यस्य सः = महितापदानः । अपदानं कर्म वृत्तमित्यमरः॥ २) उत्त्रान्तः वेलाम उद्वेलः अतिवेलः । गोसहस्रैः = वचः

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     परार्थसम्पादनदी क्षितस्य
        स्वार्थादिम्रक्तस्य महात्मनोऽस्य ।
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     वित्तेन मत्तां जनतां समस्ता-
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सनात् = तदाख्यात् धार्तराष्ट्रात्, दुर्भरणाच ॥	

THE KUPPUSWAMI SASTE RES महात्मविजयः समाश्रयन्तोऽसहकारमार्ग नृपालकार्याद्विरता भवन्तु । त्यजन्तु राज्ञोपहतानुपाधीन ३५

विदेशवस्तूनि विवर्जयन्तु ॥

वित्तस्य चित्तस्य च नाशहेतुं मुश्चन्तु सर्वेऽपि च मयपानम् ।

क्षाराम्बर्धेः सन्धवनाहरन्त कारागृहे पाघुणिका भवन्त ॥

मा नाम यच्छन्तु बिल नृपाय कुर्वन्तु तच्छासनलङ्गनं च । विद्धाश्च बद्धाञ्जलयो नमन्तु बाह्वोबलं जातु न द्शियन्तु ॥

स्त्रिय: पुपांस: स्थविरा युवान: केस्ता मुसल्पानपतानुगाश्च । सर्वेऽप्यहिंसासमरे क्रमन्ता-मलङ्कानीया खलु सङ्गाक्ति: ॥

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३७ ३८ ३५) असइकार=Non-cooperation. उपाधीन्= बिह-

क्षाराम्बुधिः = लवणसमुद्रः । सैन्धवम् = लवणम् । दानि । प्राघुणिकाः= अतिथयः ॥ ३७) बलिः = करः, भागधेयः करो बलिरित्यमरः ॥

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    हिंसाप्रधाने प्रधनेऽतिघोरे
        जयाजयो संशयितो सदैव ।
    अस्मिन्नहिंसासमरेऽतिशान्ते
        निश्चमचं नो दृणुयाज्जयश्री: ॥
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कि पुष्पद्वि: किम्र वाष्पद्वि: ।।	९७
पुरैव पुण्यो यमुनाभवाहः	
संस्पर्शमात्रेण विधृतपाप: ।	
सम ्यस्यमुप्याखिलयावेनस्य	
संसर्गतः पुण्यतरीकृतोऽभूत् ॥	९८
चितां महात्मन्यियरोप्यमाणे	
चिन्तां परामारुरुहुर्जनौघा: ।	
सोऽपदयद्न्यादशमात्मतेज-	
स्ते त्वन्धकारागममन्वभूवन् ॥	९९
अस्वमतामेत्य वितत्य चक्षुः	
कृत्यानि कृत्वा जगतो हिताय ।	
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रित्यादयो विशेषाः देवगतत्वेनापि द्रष्टव्याः ॥	

महात्मविजयः	२३
वाचां पति: सम्प्रति मुक्तदेहो विधेर्नियोगादमस्त्वमागात् ॥ महात्मनस्तस्य वियोगमेनं	१००
होकस्य तेज ऽस्तमयं ब्रुवाण: । भास्यानमज्जद्यमुनातिटन्यां मित्रानुरूपं प्रकटय्य रागम् ।। शान्ते जनोघे तमिस प्रद्यदे	१०१-
मन्द्रं स्वनन्ती यम्रुना स्रवन्ती । एकाकिनी तद्विरहासीहण्णु- र्मुक्तार्तनादेव रुरोद नक्तम् ॥ सुभाषितोद्धासितसर्वलोको	१०२
यो लोकशान्त्यै बहुधाऽयितष्ट । लोकोऽय लोकान्तरवर्त्तभाज- स्तस्यात्मन: शान्तिमिह ब्रवीति ॥ तदीयभस्मामितशक्तियुक्तं	१०३
संसेव्यमानं महताऽऽदरेण । मन्ये, धरित्रीम्रुपतापभाज- मृछाघयेच्छस्त्रभयं व्यपोह्य ॥	१०४
१०१) मित्रानुरूपम् = सुहृदनुरूपम् , सूर्यानुरूपं च = स्नेहः, रक्तवर्णश्च । महात्मनो मरणे सति मित्रभ् स्नानार्थे तटिनीमवर्ताणे इत्यपि ध्वन्यते ॥ १०२) स्नवन्ती = नदी ॥	। रागः तः सूर्यः

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39	ागात् स लोकान्तरमात्मतेजो	
	निधाय सर्वेषु जनेषु लोके ।	
प्	क: स यङ्घोकहिताय चक्रे	
	विधीयतां तिन्निखिलैर्जनौषै: ॥	१०५
य	था जनो वोधयतेऽति द् रा-	
	दाक।शवाण्या स्वविवक्षितं न: ।	
तः	येथरो दूरभुवि स्थितोऽस्मा-	
	नुपादिशद्वान्धिमुखेन तत्वम् ॥	१०६
म	हात्मनस्तस्य महोपदेशं	
	सभाजयन्तः सततं स्मरन्तः ।	
तः	इर्शितेनैव पथा ब्रजन्तो	
	लोका: समस्ता: सुखिनो भवन्तु ॥	१०७
· ·	व पुरुषाणामुत्तपश्चक्रपाणि-	
	र इव जितकामा योगिनामयगण्यः ।	
	रेव विद्युवाष्ट्यः सत्यलाकाधिनेता	
স	यतु जगति गान्धिव्यसिर्गातप्रभाव: ॥	१०८
१ ०६) अ	ाकाशवाणी=Radio.	

१०८) चक्रपाणिः = सुद्रश्नेनपाणिः, तन्तुचक्रपाणिश्च । पव-मितराण्यपि विशेषणान्युभयपरतया द्रष्टःयानि ॥

Translation of Verses.

- 1. Mahatma Gandhi is a man of noble and heroic deeds. All earth rings with his praise. His thought, word and deed are of one mould. Verily he is the highest among the high-souled men.
- 2. He beholds the world covered with darkness. A great pity seizes him. Like the thousand-rayed sun, he with the flaming light of his soul, cleaves the darkness around.
- 3. He sees the forlorn oppressed by the insolent might. He strives to make the world walk in righteousness. Through utter self-denial the compassionate one dedicates himself to the service of all.
- 4. He delights in the welfare of mankind: he sacrifices everything. His entire wealth on earth consists in a pilgrim's staff and a pair of sandals: and nothing else.
- 5. Thus he wedded poverty: and became the refuge of the lowly and the distressed. A man of mighty vision, he preached the path of virtue to men bloated with the pride of pelf.

- 6. Oh men! what do you gain from your hatred born of self-love? The creation belongs to the creator. It is neither yours nor ours.
- 7. Self-love is a poisoned shaft. Hatred is the seed of all sorrows. Steer clear of these two deadly foes and enter upon the friendly path of love.
- 8. Drink at the springs of love: therein dwells man's happiness. Shun hatred; for it is a smouldering fire that soon makes the world a heap of ashes and cinders.
- 9. All men have sprung from the loin of one creator. They are all brothers: and, as the rightful heirs, all are entitled to inherit alike His vast estate.
- 10. There is no rule of master and serf even in the lower order of creation: why the narrow vision of inequality among men of the same stock?
- 11. In the world of equal creation we hold to scorn the state of the ruler and the ruled. Even the throne bedecked by images of lions, becomes the object of dread.
- 12. Do you kings aspire unto a kingdom? Then ring in Rama's rule of yore; for in Rama

they beheld not a haughty sovereign but a humble servant of his subjects.

13. At duty's call Rama exiled even his beloved: and protected his subjects as if they were his children. Can you not banish evil desires that like demons mutiny in your heart?

14. Can ever wiles grace state-craft? Can ever tyranny merit people's praise? Why then whet weapons of war for the ruin of your brethren?

15. Oh Kings! I proclaim unto you a wholesome truth "Let your spears and swords return to their sheaths and scabbards and your hearts overflow with love for all: herein lies your weal."

16. Avert your gaze from designs of war and shield your people from distress. Why revel in the law of the jungle and turn the world of men into a wilderness of beasts?

17. Fly from thoughts of violence and embrace the rule of non-violence; for it will, like the divine cow, fulfil your longings infinite. What cannot be achieved by violence can easily be effected by non-violence.

18. All the sciences and all the terms echo with the one voice that the Fundamental Truth is the lord Rama. It is He who is sung differently by diverse seers.

- 19. Just as the rain-fed streams flow into the sea, the many-tongued chants of prayer swell in one harmony to the supreme one.
- 20. When such is the final truth, why then this venom of hatred among men of different creeds? Lay therefore the axe at the root of warring creeds.
- 21. The world's Protector is the very soul of truth. He always delights in truth. Avoid guile and fraud and cling to truth: this is the way to win the grace of the Lord who is free from Maya.

22. Monarchs falsely worship the goddess of treachery and revel in deceiving the people;

- but they in their turn become the victims of their own guile on account of their evil-intentioned doggedness.

 23. Thus this man of mighty soul makes the
- earth overflow with the flood of his sage counsel; and the world of men, purged of its pride and love of self, became his disciples.
- 24. Thus this kokil warbles forth his sweet notes from the bough of the mighty tree of Ind and fills the world of the cruel and the gentle alike with delight.

- 25. At the respectful call of the King's Council, he graced the assembly held in London to carve out our freedom. There he made a marvellous speech which was heard with wonder and admiration.
- 26. He gladdens the world with the honey drops of his sermons; it never grows satiate but hungers for them ever more.
- 27. To translate his nectarine precept into personal examples, the Mahatma adopting the new cult of non-violence launched on the fight for freedom.

28. Addressing the denizens of Bharata-

- varsha as a king his subjects under his protection, the Mahatma said, "Our land over-run by foreign hordes looks like a beast-intested wild. 29. Treating the sons of the soil with con-
- 29. Treating the sons of the soil with contempt the English rulers bid us wear the badge of slavery. Through Machiavellian tactics they rule now insulting, now cajoling.

 30. Like children baited with toys we are
- 30. Like children baited with toys we are deceived by the jugglery of their state-craft. The result is that our land of plenty does not yield sufficient for the life of its people.
- 31. Through pillage and plunder they have built their fortune on our ruin. How can the land

- so afflicted, be neglected by patriots whose only wealth is their self-respect.

 32. Lying enchained in their state-craft our
- country has to be liberated by some means. As we are without war weapons, we cannot regain freedom on the battle-field.
- freedom on the battle-field.

 33. When the matter stands thus what are we to do, how are we to secure self-rule? There is no need to despair, for there is an easy lovely
- path to attain freedom.

 34. Let us take refuge in the spinning wheel and spin. That is the only weapon for us without the usual war weapons. Just as Drupada's
- daughter was saved from Dussasana our land would be saved by it from the misrule of the English. 35. Adopt non-co-operation. Resign all Government jobs. Give up all titles. Boycott
- all foreign goods.

 36. Abandon drink which destroys both money and mind. Make salt from sea-water. Be
- 37. Do not pay the taxes. Break all the laws. Welcome their raining blows with folded hands and never exhibit your muscular forces.
- 38. Let women, men, the young and the old, the followers of the Cross and the Crescent all

- plunge into the bloodless war, for such collective group force can never be stemmed.
- 39. The issue of a cruel hideous battle based on violence trembles in the balance, but sure victory will crown our peaceful war of non-violence.
- 40. Harbour not any ill will against the English. They deserve our good will. But it is highly improper that they should rule over us who are fit to rule the whole world.
- 41. Embark, therefore, collectively on the many-sided war of non-violence. A noble act done along the path of truth and virtue will certainly bear fruit. Do not entertain the least doubt.
- 42. The patriot warriors awakened by his clarion call from sleep and having drunk deep the nectar of his counsel and finally with kindled enthusiasm got ready for the festive fight.
- 43. Throwing themselves into the thick of the fight as directed by him they were scourged and broken, but with smiling faces the heroes rushed on in countless hosts to the prison bars.
- 44. Having converted the whole country into one huge battle-field, they, firm in their mind,

marched up and down the battle-field shooting the deadly arrows of their fiery words.

- 45. At the unjust command of the state the royal slaves of the land showered their cruel blows on the patriots but the blows were taken as the auspicious sounds of drums indicative of the attainment of self-rule of the country.
- 46. In this novel strife they beheld the utter helplessness of their arms and their armies. The slaves of the state became baffled and perplexed in the extreme and lost their mental balance.
- 47. The fight went on for several years, they showering the shafts of protest and appeal in a dignified way. The officers of the state having been chastened and subdued, finally decided to crown the land with liberty.
- 48. The English became the ardent admirers and disciples of this world teacher and laid at his feet the gift of freedom, as the fee due to the preceptor.
- 49. The Goddess of freedom attracted by Mahatma's unique and noble qualities voluntarilly embraced the people of this land who neither struck a blow nor received any on the fierce battle-field.

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weapon to wield he wore

50. He had no weapon to wield, he wore but a loin-cloth, a humble cottage was his home; a sweet smile ever lit up his face: the Gita was the stall of his life; may at he set at mounts

the staff of his life; nevertheless he set at naught the might of the alien rule.

51. He has taught the world steeped in violence the never-failing might of the novel weapon

of non-violence. All the pointed and sharp instruments of war would surely become blunt and unavailing before it.

52. By the magic spell of his word he has thrown into the shade, the hideous force of the atom bomb: verily this man of far-reaching renown has revealed the unsurpassing splendour of his soul.

and the sword the pen has proved the victor. He skilled in speech, has taught the mad worshippers of war this superior and precious truth.

54. Passionately adopting truth, walking in

53. In the fierce combat between the pen

54. Passionately adopting truth, walking in the path of rectitude and ever speaking straight the Mahatma always depended on his inner voice and did his diverse duties. 55. He could neither be seduced by alluring

55. He could neither be seduced by alluring words nor driven back by the wild vocal and physical threats. He stuck firmly to his path of truth and justice and never deviated from it even by a pin point.

- 56. Whenever the Mahatma went on a fast for the fulfilment of a cherished object, the whole earth trembled as if rocked by violent gusts of cosmic wind.
- cosmic wind.

 57. On account of sheer association with this great man even the insignificant became well known in the world. Has not the obscure Mango
- Tree in the court-yard of the Yarvada prison become world-famous?

 58. With the ceaseless fervent chant of the holy name of Sri Rama he has freed the land of

Bharata from bondage: he who has subdued his

- self has taught men to find in it the fitting agent for securing final liberation.

 59. We have heard and seen the sword shearing the tongue but not the tongue cleaving the sword: lo! we find the base sword of monar-
- chies shivered to pieces by the tongue of Mahatma.

 60. This naked fakir, as others once dubbed him, was held in utter scorn before: but when the heroic and majestic stature of his soul rose high
- him, was held in utter scorn before: but when the heroic and majestic stature of his soul rose high in the world, they at once saw in him the greatest among mankind.

 61. He had no crown to wear; yet he was
- 61. He had no crown to wear; yet he was an emperor; he had no wealth to boast of; yet he was the king of kings (kubera). All the nobles and kings fell at his feet.
 - 62. He was a weaver at the loom, a tiller

lost, yet he attained a proud position which commanded the homage of all. It is neither wealth nor birth that determines one's greatness,

of the soil and a servant of the lowliest and the

- 63. Having secured freedom, the Mahatma, pure of heart, offered his gratitude to the British Sovereign. To the people of his country, whom he dearly loved, he taught their future duties and life's plan.
- 64. Make a critical study of Vedas, Puranas and Sastras, and understand the truths contained in them and follow the path of ancient Dharma
- existing from time immemorial.

 65. Let mutual affection prevail. Let men delight in the services of others. Let them attain all the graces of life and stand at the vanguard of the Nations
- of the Nations.

 66, Equality among men, love and brotherly feeling—these are the seeds of the nation's progress and prosperity. Sow them all over the land from the snow-capped Himalayas to the far sea-fringed Sethu. (Rama's Bridge).
- 67. Let the indigenous arts and sciences be developed and encouraged. Let the learning of others be studied as well with affectionate care. Duly honouring one another, let them intensify mutual love and regard.

 68. Let peace and good-will reign among

the different castes and communities. Let harmony prevail among warring creeds and systems

of thought. Let equal power and opportunities be granted to men and women. Let these be adopted in our land.

69. Let Hindi be made the language of the

whole country. Respect your mother-tongue as well. Let all the truths enshrined in Sanskrit language and lore be proclaimed from pole to pole.

70. Mistake not the term Suralaya to mean

house of wine and do not proceed to the tavern.
Realise its true meaning as House of the Gods
and then enter temples for self-purification.

71. Let the old demoness of untouchabilitiv

which has long been haunting our land be exorcized by you that aspire unto greatness, for she is a stumbling-block in the path of our good and auspicious actions.

72. Neither vain display nor blind imitation leads to a nation's greatness; having dispelled the

72. Neither vain display nor blind imitation leads to a nation's greatness; having dispelled the darkness, ignorance and evil by radiant light of knowledge, the country chines, after repudiation of atheistic tendencies.

73. Let the material civilization of the west

of atheistic tendencies.

73. Let the material civilization of the west built solely on science be mellowed through the spiritual vision of the east; for in the happy union of the two lies the welfare of the world.

74. Protecting cows, tilling the soil, spin-

- ning threads in every home and practising the different indigenous arts and crafts, transform the villages into abodes of the Lord of the goddess of wealth.
- 75. Let us all be children of light and learning. Let love and goodwill be spread among men. Let the light of knowledge be radiated all over the world. Let us ring in the Kingdom of God on earth.

76. Thus he spoke to the sons of the soil his words of counsel. He then entered upon the

- sacred mission of weaving a bond of unity between the Moslems and the Hindus, realising its indispensableness.

 77 Scarcely had he begun to plant love and anity among men of conflicting faiths, when there appeared on the scene a fierce figure, a
- yéritable messenger of the god of death.

 78. When the Mahatma, having finished some other important work, walked smilingly towards the dais for conducting evening prayers there occurred a tremendous report.
- 79. He recognized in the fatal sound the chime of the lord calling unto him from beyond. He lay on the ground as if prostrating himself at the feet of the Lord of Seetha (Sri Rama).

 80. Amazement seized the crowd. There

the surging people a man with a fatal weapon in his hand. He seemed to wake in them the image of a wild and furious serpent.

was a chorus of loud voices. There stood before

81. The Mahatma clasped mother earth as though praying to be born again in his beloved

land. With the chant of the holy name of Rama on his lips, he peacefully closed his eyes plunging the world in a sea of sorrow.

82. Alas! The sun, the abode of light, has now set—the glorious sun, from whom we derived lucky life, the Earth a new brilliance and by whom time itself found fulfilment.

83. Alas! The sun, the abode of light has now set—the sun that rises in the east, wakes up all creation and directs human beings in dynamic daily action.

84. He was an unrivalled guide and friend of the world. At his death, there streamed forth a throng of people from all corners. They rained on him their tear-bedewed flowers as

85. Children, women, the old and the young gathered around him sinking all their differences of caste and creed: from the grief-stricken people there welled forth one ceaseless flood of tears.

86. The shooting of the Mahatma by means of a pistol came upon the world as a veritable

thunderbolt. When the news caught the ears of the people, the whole Earth (though looking static) actually trembled in a terrible manner. 87. On that fatal Day, there was nowhere

any trace of laughter, nor were anywhere in the world any festivities, but here, there and everywhere, there arose an afflicted tumult among the people dazed and bewildered.

88. He was like a mount in the East heralding the dawn of prosperity to the poor, and like a mountain in the west indicating the downfall of the haughty rich.

89. He was the very mine of wisdom. He was an undaunted soldier of Non-violence who clung to truth. He walked in the path of right-cousness. He was the captain of the heroes of the fight for freedom, and the father of the nation; who always knew only victory.

90. He was the great whirlwind that made thrones totter and tumble down. He was the resplendent sun that chased away the massive layers of darkness of the world. He was the rain-laden cloud to the parched-up earth. Thus he has created a new heaven and a new earth

out of the mouldering past.

91. He was the unfailing light that guided the voyaging world. He was the fierce tempest that swept off the proud and tall trees of kings.

- He was the wild fire to the whole serpent-brood of evil. He was the deluge that destroyed the world of deceit.
- world of deceit.

 92. In showering the nectar of words, he was verily Jupiter. He was a great sage that
- trod the straight and difficult path of truth. Alas! the great light of the world has been extinguished. Thus wept and bewailed the whole universe.
- 93. When the shocking tidings reached their ears, overwhelmed by sorrow, they wept and wept in tear-choked voice. Mother earth alone could rockon the unnumbered tears of the throng,

that fell on the ground.

service, was for a few days, nowhere to be seen.

Perchance it had hid itself for sheer grief at the ghastly deed.

95. The staff that had long ministered unto

94. One of the sandals, unwearied in his

- 95. The staff that had long ministered unto him, and thus grown chastened, returned not the blow to the culprit, but fell on the ground as if stunned and silenced by grief.

 96. The Mahatma's heart shed on the
- 96. The Mahatma's heart shed on the ground a few drops of blood as if to show that he entertained no malice but only love (symbolised by red colour) towards the person who had shot him.
- 97. When the Michaima's earthly remains were being removed, the magnificent and count-

less multitude shed tears and scattered flowers.

- Can anyone tell which was more and which was less—whether the shower of flowers or the shower of tears?
- shower of tears?

 98. The sacred waters of the Yamuna that sanctify people by mere touch, now flow still more sacred on account of contact with the holy
- departed saint.

 99. When he was laid on the funeral pyre, the crowd was lifted by mounting grief and anguish. He melted into the light above; the crowd sank into the gloom of despair.

 100. Having fulfilled the heaven to appoint-
- ed mission, the sleepless soul that had kept anxious watch over the nation's welfare became one with the Immortals, having shuffled off the mortal coil.

 101. Proclaiming as it were that the disappearance of the Mahatma is extinguishment of
- appearance of the Mahatma is extinguishment of the light of the world, the sun, ruddy in grief, sank beneath the waters of the Yamuna.
- 102. The crowd melted: darkness had set in: and at the dead hour of the night there was heard the vast rush of the waters. One could hear in it her loud and lonely lament over the departed hero.
- departed hero.
 103. He had striven hard for the world's lasting peace through sweet morals and the light

the unknown. The world in return deeply prayed for his eternal peace. 104. His ashes, potent and powerful were

of his wisdom. He was on his last journey to

scattered over the whole earth. It is believed that contact with ashes would cure the world of all its ills without the application of any weapons.

105. He has left, in every one of us the spark of his sacred flame. Therefore, what the Mahatma did single-handed will now have to be accomplished by one and all.

106. Just as a person communicates his ideas from afar through the Radio, the Lord in distant Heaven has taught us the truth through the Mahatma. 107. May the world revere and remember

his great message. May the world walk in his path. May finally the world live in peace and happiness.

108. He recalls Vishnu; for he is the great-

est among men wielding the chakra. He wakes in us the image of Hara; for he is the foremost among men who have slain their passions. He stirs in us the vision of Brahma; for he is the wisest among men that guide the world of truth. He shines brightest cradled in the immortal song of Vyasa.

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